

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the subject Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 11 were rejected as being anticipated by “LNBP22: LNB Supply and Control IC with Step-Up Converter and 12C Interface” Data sheet of ST, pages 1-10, V.3.2 published in December 1998,” referred to hereinafter as the LNBP22 reference. Applicants submit herewith Substitute Declarations under 37 CFR §1.131 evidencing conception of the claimed invention prior to the December 1998 date of the LNBP22 reference coupled with diligence from prior to the date of the LNBP22 reference to the November 17, 1999 filing date of the subject application. The Declarations under 37 CFR §1.131 filed on March 1, 2004 contained a typographical error related to the date of conception that is corrected in the Substitute Declarations. Accordingly, it is submitted that the LNBP22 reference has been effectively removed and therefore, the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9, and 11 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 4-6, 10 and 12-14 have been rejected as being obvious over a combination of the LNBP22 reference with other references. In view of the attached Declarations under 37 CFR §1.131, it is submitted that these rejections also should be removed.

As the claims and the entire case are believed to be in condition for allowance, an indication thereof is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal by restricting the issues on appeal, and thus, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Substitute Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 of Paul M. Greenland with Exhibits A, B, and C

Substitute Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 of Oliver L. Richards with Exhibits A, B, and C